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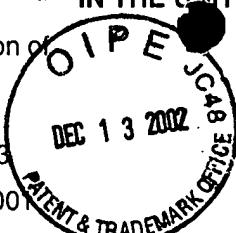
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Date: December 13, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	26	minus highest number		
previously paid for	21	(at least 20) =	5	x \$ 18.00
				\$ 90.00

Independent claims after amendment	5	minus highest number		
previously paid for	3	(at least 3) =	2	x \$ 84.00
				\$ 168.00

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)	\$ 0.00
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Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months)	\$ 0.00
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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00	\$ 0.00
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